

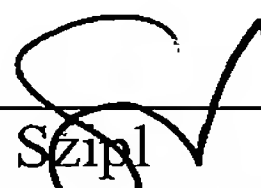
REMARKS

With the above amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the International and European priority applications by reference. The claims have been amended to place them in better form for examination. The abstract has been amended to remove the title and figure references.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination. Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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